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SUBJ: NEW YORK PHILARMONIC ORCHESTRA IN SPAIN

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1. EMBASSY CULTURAL SECTION ADVISED NOV 9, THAT NEW YORK PHILARMONIC ORCHESTRA SCHEDULED FOR SPAIN PERFORMANCE NOV 14-15 (MADRID) AND 16 (BARCELONS). PHILARMONIC'S 96 MEMBERS IN MADRID STAGING BENEFIT CONCERT FOR SOUTH-EASTERN FLOOD REFUGEES; BOTH PROGRAMS SPONSORED BY MINISTRY INFORMATION AND TOURISM (MININFO). OTHER PERFORMANCE BARCELONA AND POSSIBLY CANARY ISLANDS BEING HANDLED PRIVATE FIRM, IBERMUSICA.

2. EMBOFF DISCUSSED PHILARMONIC PROGRAM WITH ALVARO LEON ARA MUSICAL PROGRAM DIRECTOR OF MININFO'S CULTURA POPULAR SECTION. LEON COGNIZANT CURRENT MUSICIAN'S UNION STRIKE IN NEW YORK AND ADVISED EMBOFF THAT SINCE ORCHESTRA MEMBERS HAD SIGNED INDIVIDUAL CONTRACTS WITH MININFO AND IBERMUSICA, MEMBERS NOT BOUND FOLLOW STRIKE. INDIVIDUAL CONTRACTS, HOWEVER, PERHAPS LEGALLY PRECLUDE FULL USE PHILARMONIC NAME DURING STRIKE PERIOD. GIVEN AFOREMENTIONED, LEON ADVISED THAT MININFO BILLING GROUP AS QUOTE PROFESSORS OF THE NEW YORK PHILARMONIC ORCHESTRA UNQUOTE.

3. NOV 12 MADRID DAILIES, HOWEVER, CARRIED FULL-PAGE MININFO ADVERTISEMENTS BILLING GROUP AS QUOTE NEW YORK PHILARMONIC ORCHESTRA UNQUOTE IN CONTRADICTION TO LEON'S

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PREVIOUS STATEMENTS.

4. TO DATE NO EMBASSY ASSISTANCE GIVEN NEW YORK PHILARMONIC VISIT AND NO INVOLVEMENT PLANNED. NEW YORK TIMES CORRESPONDENT IN MADRID AWARE POSSIBEL LEGAL-POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS OF PHILARMONIC PERFORMANCES IN SPAIN. WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT GUIDANCE, STATUS OF NEW YORK STRIKE, USG OFFICIAL STAND ON NEW YORK PHILARMONIC ORCHESTRA PLAYING FOR SPANISH CHARITY WHILE NEW YORK MUSICIAN'S UNION ON STRIKE, AND ATTITUDE EMBASSY SHOULD TAKE ON FACILITATIVE REQUESTS IF MADE.
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